

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING COMPLIANCE WATER SAMPLES FOR Total Haloacidic Acid (THAAC)

Note: Sample kits are pre-coded and can be used only for the tests and public water systems listed.

Do not change the test codes or switch the paperwork or bottles from other sample kits.

(Both bottles are to be collected in the distribution system with 25% of samples at maximum residence time and following the steps below)

1. Collect sample in the distribution system with 25% of samples at maximum residence time and print location on the sample form.
2. Remove any screen, hoses and aerators from end of faucet.
3. Run COLD water for 3 to 5 minutes to make sure water has not been sitting for a long time in pipes or tanks and is fresh from the well.
4. Turn water down so it does not splash.
5. Remove container cap. Do not allow inside of cap, inside of bottle, or bottle threads to be touched by any object.
6. Fill bottle carefully until water is actually above the rim. Screw cap on securely. (Shake bottle vigorously for one minute.)
7. "Empty" sample vials contain a special preservative. Open slowly and carefully. **Do not rinse bottle.**
8. Fill out the required information on sample form. **SIGN THE FORM!** The sample will not be processed unless the form has a signature!
9. Return bottle with completed paperwork to lab. If mailed, use the enclosed label "Water Sample First Class Non-PMPC Direct to Augusta." **SAMPLE MUST ARRIVE AT LAB WITHIN 14 DAYS OF COLLECTION! If not mailed directly after sample collection, store samples at 4°C.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS....PLEASE CALL THE MAINE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM AT (207) 287-2070 OR THE LABORATORY AT (207) 287-1716.

NOTE: If you do not want to use the Health & Environmental Testing Laboratory for your water testing, or do not wish to be on the automatic shipping list for sample kits, please return this kit and paperwork to the laboratory.